

Monday Message

Oct. 18, 2021



President's Message

Dear all,

This message includes three separate but related items. **First**, in case you missed it, a reiteration of Friday's message regarding our campus protocols appears below.

Second, Friday was the college's official census day. As expected, our enrollment was down compared with last fall (FTE [2,607] is down 2.8%). As has been and is being shared via Seeding our Tomorrows, we are positioned to reverse these enrollment trends, and need each and every one of us, each and every day to do our part and more to support our recruitment and retention initiatives.

To this end, **my third update** is about Priority Spring Registration, which will be the week of Nov. 8-11 for our current students. Now is the time to reach out to advisees you see in classes, hallways, offices, and on the courts and fields. Encourage them to continue their studies at LC State and guide them through the process of selecting their next schedule of courses. Early registration is not only the best way for students to obtain their most ideal schedule, it is the best way for us to begin measuring the health of our spring enrollment. As an added incentive for students, each day one student (registered that day) will be awarded a \$250 LC State bookstore gift card. At the end of the week, the instructional division with the highest percentage of registered students will award one additional \$250 LC State bookstore gift card to one randomly selected registrant from their division. Students living in LC State housing can take part in Battle of The Halls. The hall with the highest percentages of registrants will be awarded a special Sodexo meal to celebrate their victory. To help us celebrate and promote Priority Registration week, all staff and faculty are encouraged to wear LC State gear or LC State colors during the week. Our enthusiasm will make a difference.

For more information, visit www.lcsc.edu/registrar/student-information/register-for-classes. Help us make Priority Registration for Spring 2022 our most successful registration week yet!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **Sept. 24-Dec. 10 – Center for Arts & History Exhibit** – The Center for Arts & History is featuring [The Land of Persepolis: Introducing Persian Culture to the West](#).
- **Oct. 19 – Tuesday at Two** – President Pemberton's Tuesdays at Two continue through Zoom (<https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/861031866>). All are welcome to join the conversation.
- **Oct. 20-21 – State Board of Education Meeting** – The meeting will be held virtually from the Office of the State Board of Education. LC State's annual institutional update will be delivered Wednesday, Oct. 20, beginning shortly after the start of the meeting at 1 p.m. Watch it via the [Board's YouTube page](#).

Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus. In accordance with its [Operational Levels Matrix](#), LC State's current risk level is: Moderate.
 - **Cases Update:** Currently there are **0** active cases and **0** students in isolation in campus housing.
 - **Reporting Line:** If someone believes they were exposed to someone with an active case of COVID-19 or believes they are infected themselves, they should contact the campus COVID-19 Reporting Line at 208-792-2002 for guidance.
 - **Vaccine Availability:** To schedule an appointment with Public Health - Idaho North Central District visit www.idahoprepmod.com or call 208-799-3100. Because we are delivering education face to face, LC State employees qualify for vaccine booster shots.
 - **Campus Protocol Update:** As communicated on Friday, Oct. 15, (a) our employee vaccination rate is over 70% at this point – thank you! (b) our overall campus operations in terms of active infections, isolation demand, etc. are relatively stable and manageable; (c) sadly, our student vaccination rate, overall, has not topped 50%; and (d) hospitalizations, while seemingly beginning to stabilize, are still operating too near crisis-care status. As in the past, multiple data points are continuously reviewed relative to local, regional and state trends; CDC and Public Health guidance; input from the campus community, COVID-19 Tactical Group, vaccination and infection rates; health provider status, etc. Based on this review, the following will likely guide our path forward through the remainder of the semester; AND at least during the month of January as we onboard the spring semester (NOTE: we will review information and data every 2 weeks and if we can adjust our protocols will announce doing so).

Masks/face coverings will continue to be required in classrooms, shared office spaces, and most other indoor locations; however, we will begin **piloting a mask-optional modality in a few of our (large air volume) locations/spaces.** Mask-optional means faculty/staff may direct whether or not masks are needed when social distancing can be maintained, assuming the weekly testing protocol is adhered to. The following locations may begin piloting a mask-optional protocol:

- Fitness Center/Weight Room
- Harris Field Batting Cage
- Mechanical Technical Building lab/shop spaces
- Wittman Complex lab/shop spaces
- Schweitzer Career & Technical Education Center lab/shop spaces – lower level

only

We believe we have access to adequate Vault tests to continue weekly testing through the semester, as well as onboarding spring semester for the month of January.

Therefore, our **testing protocol and expectations will remain in effect at least through the fall and into/through January 2022.**

- **Welcome, Jennie Jones Hall!** After a multi-month national search LC State is pleased to share that Jennie Jones Hall will be joining us Monday, Nov. 1, as director of College Advancement/executive director of the LCSC Foundation. Jennie brings over 20 years of experience working in higher education and fundraising, most recently serving as director of Corporate and Foundation Relations for the University of Idaho. [Read the news release.](#)

- **October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Scamming you through Social Media:** Attempts to scam or fool you can happen over almost any form of communication you use – from Zoom, Skype, WhatsApp, and Slack to Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, and even gaming apps. Here are the most common clues that a message you just received or a post you just read may be an attack:
 - **Urgency:** The message has a sense of urgency that demands "immediate action" before something bad happens, like threatening to close your account or send you to jail. The attacker wants to rush you into making a mistake.
 - **Pressure:** The message pressures you to bypass or ignore policies or procedures at work.
 - **Curiosity:** The message invokes a strong sense of curiosity or promises something that is too good to be true. No, you did not just win the lottery.
 - **Sensitive:** The message includes a request for highly sensitive information, such as your credit card number or password, or any information that you're just not comfortable sharing.
 - **Official:** The message says it comes from an official organization, but has poor grammar or spelling. Most government organizations will not use social media for official communications directly with you. If you are not sure if the message is legitimate, call the organization back, but use a trusted phone number, such as one from their website.
 - **Impersonation:** You receive a message from a friend or co-worker, but the tone or wording just does not sound like them. If you are suspicious, call the sender on the phone to verify they sent the message. It is easy for a cyber attacker to create messages that appear to be from someone you know. In some cases, they can take over one of your friend's accounts and then pretend to be your friend and reach out to you.

You are the best defense against scams, cons, and attacks like these. If a post or message seems odd or suspicious, simply ignore or delete it. If it is from someone you personally know, call the person on the phone to confirm if they really sent it.

- **Microsoft Office:** Microsoft has announced that on Nov. 1, Outlook 2016 will no longer be able to connect to our @lcsc.edu email. If you have a machine that is at home or rarely connects to the campus network please follow [these instructions](#) to ensure you won't lose Outlook connectivity. You may also bring your laptop by the Help Desk and we can upgrade it for you.
- **Save the Date:** Rain, snow or shine, Friday, Dec. 10, from 3-5 p.m. the campus community is invited to the Fountain Plaza for a protocol compliant winter "revels" celebration: "Here we go a caroling..." Hot chocolate and hot cider will be served along with some Christmas cookie treats. Songbooks will be provided. Dress appropriately.
- **Seeding Our Tomorrows:** In partnership with the Coeur d'Alene Regional Chamber and School District 271, the CDA Center coordinated an LC State gift bag drop to recognize some 74 new K-12 teachers. In addition to LC swag, these gift bags included local business donations and gift cards. Teachers were photographed at their respective schools, and photos with their LC State bags were later disbursed to the school district and social media. This is yet another example of ways LC State is engaging outreach to connect with and support regional education and educators – ultimately building LC State awareness among teachers who will hopefully help us plant seeds among their students. LC State CDA Center Senior Director Rocky Owens said: "We all want to see LC State stand, shoulder-to-shoulder, with other higher ed institutions as a strong education option for Coeur d'Alene students."
- **Campus Song for the Week:** "[I Love a Rainy Night](#)" by Eddie Rabbit.
- **HR Updates:**
 - [October Newsletter](#) | [This week's PDT/Wellness flyer](#)

- September WOW Award Winner: Bruce Willis
- The Provost/VPAA search will be launched the first week of November. Sr. Vice President Andy Hanson is chairing the search.

